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Via email: awatson@kmc.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Watson

Thank you for your email to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment about Council's *Draft Ku-ring-gai Housing Strategy to 2036* seeking comment on the draft and clarification on housing targets and potential COVID-19 impacts.

The Department notes a concern raised in a submission to council about the current housing targets, and what (if any) impact COVID-19 may have on these. At the moment, as you would appreciate, the impacts on population and housing demand are not clear. However, the Department along with other key agencies are monitoring this situation closely.

Housing targets for the 2021-2026 period (also referred to the 6-10 year housing targets) have been established by the Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) for each of Sydney's councils. The 6-10 year target range set for Ku-ring-gai local government area is from 3,000 to 3,600 dwellings as stipulated in the GSC's letter of Assurance to Council dated 4 March 2020.

In the interim, Councils are still required to develop their strategies in accordance with with the Department's guidelines - <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Housing/Local-Housing-Strategy-Guideline-and-Template>.

To confirm, there hasn't been a change by the Government, Greater Sydney Commission (GSC) or Department to housing policy that is required to be considered before Council finalises its Local Housing Strategy.

The Department looks forward to reviewing Council's draft Local Housing Strategy once submitted for formal endorsement.

If you have any more questions, please contact Mr Christopher Kennedy, Senior Planner Officer at the Department for further information Ph 8275 1372.

Yours sincerely

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